

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
July 1, 2004**

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, held by telephone conference, convened at 8:00 am in the Director's Office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Acting Commission Chairman John Watts and Commissioners Marcus Gibbs, Cameron Wheeler, Alex Irby, and Commission Secretary, Director Steven Huffaker were present.

Also present in the Director's Office were Roger Fuhrman, Chief, Bureau of Communications; Steve Barton, Special Assistant to the Director; Virgil Moore, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries; Sharon Kiefer, Anadromous Fishery Manager; Scott Marshall, Fisheries Staff Biologist; Jack Trueblood, Conservation Public Information Supervisor; Mike Keckler, Public Information Specialist; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; and Joan Trueblood, Executive Assistant.

REPORT

Chinook Salmon Closure in Main and South Fork Salmon River

The Department's anadromous fisheries staff has projected that by July 3, anglers will have taken the allowable number of listed summer chinook. Director Huffaker reported that he took administrative action as a conservation emergency on June 30 to close the salmon fisheries in the Main Salmon River and the South Fork of the Salmon River (sections 11, 12, and 21). The closure is effective at the end of fishing hours on July 3.

The announcement of the closure was made June 30 give salmon anglers as much notice as possible, because the closure will disrupt anglers' plans for the holiday weekend.

The Commission concurred with the Director's action.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 am.